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C O N F I D E N T I A L JIDDA 3829

E.O.: 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (SIMON)

SUBJ: VISIT OF SECRETARY SIMON

REF : (A) STATE 1423; (B) STATE 141464

1. BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE AMBASSADOR AKINS NOTED THAT TENTATIVE ITINERARY CALLS FOR SECRETARY SIMON TO TRAVEL ONLY TO RIYADH, BUT IT IS VERY PROBABLE THAT HIS CALLS ON THE KING AND OTHER IMPORTANT SAG KEY OFFICIALS WILL BE IN JIDDA OR THE NEARBY SUMMER CAPITAL OF TAIF. WE EXPECT THAT HE WILL MAKE THOSE CALLS ON SATURDAY, JULY 20 AFTER ARRIVAL IN JIDDA ON JULY 18. WORKING GROUP WILL PROBABLY BE IN RIYADH SUNDAY, JULY 21 AND SECRETARY SIMON WILL HAVE TO GO TO CAPITAL. THIS IS TENTATIVE, BASED ON CONVERSATIONS WITH MINISTER OF STATE ABA AL KHAIL.

2. FRIDAY ACTIVITIES WITH SAUDIS IMPOSSIBLE, EXCEPT FOR RECREATIONAL TRIP ON THE RED SEA WITH ONE OR ANOTHER OF THE OFFICIALS. DETAILED SCHEDULE WILL BE WORKED OUT WITH MINISTRY OF FINANCE, BUT PROBABLY NOT BEFORE JULY 6 OR

7. ALL THOSE LISTED IN PARA 3 OF REFTL (B) ARE EXPECTED TO BE IN COUNTRY WITH POSSIBLE EXCEPTION OF GOVERNOR ANWAR ALI, WHO DEPARTED FOR LONDON UNEXPECTEDLY JULY 2. HE MAY OR MAY NOT RETURN IN TIME.

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3. EMBASSY WILL MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR ROOMS IN JIDDA AND RIYADH AS SOON AS PLANS ARE FIRM. WE MUST PAY FOR ALL OF VISIT COSTS, PARTICULARLY SINCE DEPARTMENT REFUSED TO PAY FOR MOST OF FAHD PARTY STAY IN WASHINGTON. SAUDIS PICKED UP ENTIRE TAB FOR SECRETARY KISSINGER AND AND PRESIDENT NIXON. WE PRESUME ADDITIONAL REPRESENTATIONAL FUNDS WILL ALSO BE OBLIGATED AS NECESSARY.

4. WE EMPHATICALLY INSIST THAT NO, RPT NO, GIFTS BE EXCHANGED, AND WE WILL MAKE SURE SAUDI OFFICIAL UNDERSTAND THIS.

5. LIST OF EMBASSY ASSIGNMENTS FOR THIS VISIT WILL FOLLOW IN DUE COURSE.
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